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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
ANONYMOUS OBSERVATION AND)
USE OF PREMIUM CONTENT)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-captioned application in the merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

--9. (New) A system of claim 1, wherein the database stores a password which the user must provide before the user can access the content.

10. (New) A system of claim 9, wherein the database stores, in association with the password, a preset amount of time for which the user is permitted to access the content using the password.